

# Great Sand Dunes

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Great Sand Dunes National Park  
and Preserve



## Free Ranger Programs August 7 – August 13, 2016

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### Sunday, August 7

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Art for All Ages”** -. Come sketch the dunes with a Ranger-artist and learn about the unique environment surrounding you! Free paper and chalk provided. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

**8:45 pm Evening Program – “A Ranger’s Story”** Come hear about the adventures and experiences of one National Park Ranger from the Mississippi River to the Medano. Weather permitting. Flashlights and jackets suggested. Brief telescope viewing will take place afterwards, weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

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### Monday, August 8

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Better Home Sand Gardens”** - Come explore the dunes on a Ranger hike and learn about the extreme plants and animals which share such a unique environment. Dunes Lot, 30 minutes

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### Tuesday, August 9

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Find your inner park ranger on this short, interactive hike. Learn about the diverse and unique habitats of the park and preserve. Learn about some of the common plants and animals that call this amazing place home. Great for all ages! Montville Nature Trail, 30 minutes

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### Wednesday, August 10

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 minutes

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### Thursday, August 11

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Better Home Sand Gardens”** -. Come explore the dunes on a Ranger hike and learn about the extreme plants and animals which share such a unique environment. Dunes Lot, 30 minutes

**8:45 pm Evening Program - “The Sandy West”** - Join a park ranger on a road trip adventure across the country as we discover amazing dune systems and recreational opportunities located all around the Western United States! Brief telescope viewing will take place afterwards, weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

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### Friday, August 12

**8:45 pm Evening Program - “To Catch A Shooting Star”** – Come learn about shooting stars and how they have captured the imagination of generations of people around the world and have shaped our earth’s history! Brief telescope viewing will take place afterwards, weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

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### Saturday, August 13

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 minutes

**8:45 pm Evening Program - “The Park after Dark”** - Half the park is after dark! Discover the beautiful secrets of owls, nocturnal animals, stars, planets, galaxies, our moon, and meteors. Touch real pieces of the Moon and Mars! Brief constellation tour with laser pointer and telescope afterward, weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

*All programs are free and open to the public. More information: [www.nps.gov/grsa](http://www.nps.gov/grsa) (719) 378-6395*